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NC160728 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic 0645 GMT 16 May 82

[Text] Brother Commander Abu 'Ammar [Yasir 'Arafat] yesterday evening chaired a meeting of the Palestinian Revolution Supreme Military Council. During the meeting, the conferees reviewed the latest developments in the military situation in light of the increasing Zionist military concentrations in southern Lebanon as well as the threats the enemy leaders made in the past 24 hours. The council also discussed the popular uprising of our masses in the occupied land and the demonstrations that swept all occupied Palestine towns and villages on the occasion of 15 May, the anniversary of the usurpation of our land. The council adopted a number of measures and decisions to confront all possible eventualities.

PFLP STRESSES RIGHT TO FIGHT INSIDE ISRAEL

NC161224 Paris AFP in English 1207 GMT 16 May 82

[Excerpt] Beirut, 16 May (AFP) -- The Palestine Liberation Organization's Supreme Military Council has adopted contingency plans to counter a potential Israeli threat to south Lebanon, the Palestinian news agency, WAFA, reported today. The agency said the plans were drafted at a meeting of the council chaired by PLO leader Yasir 'Arafat last night.

Another statement today emphasized the "legitimate" right of PLO to "pursue the fight against Israel from all Arab frontiers and inside the occupied territories."

The statement, issued by the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine led by George Habash, added that the Palestinian riposte to Israeli raids on Lebanon last Sunday was a "warning aimed at ending raids against the Lebanese and Palestinian populations."

FATAH OFFICIAL: PLO WANTS TO KEEP CEASE-FIRE

JN161811 (Clandestine) Voice of Palestine in Arabic 1616 GMT 16 May 82

[Text] Brother Abu Jihad [Khalil al-Wazir], a Fatah Central Committee member and the deputy commander in chief, has said that the PLO wants to maintain the cease-fire in southern Lebanon but this does not mean we will restrict our struggle against the Zionist occupation inside the occupied homeland and across other borders.

In an interview with the Lebanese magazine MONDAY MORNING, Abu Jihad explained that the Palestinian resistance, which is trying to avoid direct military retaliation from southern Lebanon, reserves the right to defend itself and the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples if Israel begins a battle which leads to killing civilians in southern Lebanon. Abu Jihad added that the PLO did not respond to the first Israeli attack on 21 April to avoid a military escalation and out of consideration for the Lebanese situation.

Abu Jihad said: After the second Israeli attack on 9 May, we decided to respond on a limited scale by striking at Israeli positions in the north of occupied Palestine. Abu Jihad said the enemy government is trying to find excuses to violate the cease-fire and to strike at the PLO, in the hope of destroying our peoples's morale and ending the continued uprising which is taking place in the occupied homeland.

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